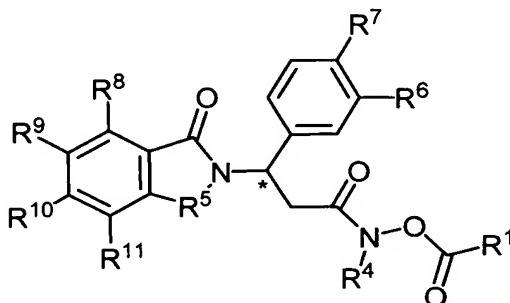


Amendments to the Specification

Please amend the following paragraph, which was inserted immediately following the paragraph ending on page 14, line 16 in Applicants' Response dated October 5, 2006:

-- The invention also relates to a compound of the formula:



in which

the carbon atom designated * constitutes a center of chirality;

R^4 is hydrogen or $-(C=O)-R^{12}$, where

each of R¹ and R¹², independently of each other, is alkyl of 1 to 6 carbon atoms, phenyl, benzyl, pyridyl, pyridyl methyl, imidazolyl, imidazolmethyl, or CHR^{*}(CH₂)_nNR^{*}R⁰

wherein R^{*} and R⁰, independently of the other, are hydrogen, alkyl of 1 to 6 carbon atoms, phenyl, benzyl, pyridylmethyl, pyridyl, imidazolyl or imidazolylmethyl, and n = 0, 1, 2;

R^5 is $C=O$ or CH_2 ;

each of R⁶ and R⁷, independently of the other is alkoxy of 1 to 8 carbon atoms,

C₁₀-cycloalkoxy of 3 to 6 carbon ~~atoms~~, atoms; C₄-C₆-cycloalkylidenemethyl, C₂-alkylidenemethyl, C₆-C₁₈-bicycloalkoxy, C₆-C₁₈-tricycloalkoxy, 1-indanyloxy, or 2-indanyloxy; and

each of R⁸, R⁹, R¹⁰, and R¹¹, independently of the others, is hydrogen, nitro, cyano, trifluoromethyl, carbethoxy, carbomethoxy, carbopropoxy, acetyl, halo, carbamoyl, acetoxy, carboxy, hydroxy, amino, alkylamino, dialkylamino, acylamino, alkyl of 1 to 10 carbon atoms, and alkoxy of 1 to 10 carbon atoms.--